



COVID-19 Response

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Topic: Residential Moves

DDD Rental Subsidies through Supportive Housing Connection

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and until further notice, new requests for Division of Developmental Disabilities rental subsidies through the Supportive Housing Connection (SHC) will be limited to those that are emergent in nature. Individuals who have already been approved for an SHC rental subsidy can proceed with their housing search. Please note that in all instances there may be delays in securing a unit inspection due to the current health care crisis.

Residential Moves and Provider-Managed Settings

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and until further notice, the Division of Developmental Disabilities is limiting placements/moves into provider-managed residential settings. At this time, and with the approval of the individual or their guardian, placements/moves can proceed in the following circumstances:

- The individual is homeless, in imminent peril or there is an otherwise evident health and safety issue.
- The individual is leaving/being discharged from a hospital setting, skilled nursing facility or other institutional setting.
- The move will create current or future isolation space designed for use by individuals confirmed positive for or at a high risk of contracting COVID-19.
- The COVID-19 crisis has negatively affected an individual or their living situation and they are in need of immediate residential placement.

Please note that in cases where there is an emergency need for residential placement related to the COVID-19 crisis (e.g., an individual's sole or primary caregiver is no longer available to provide care), it is expected that agencies will work with the Division to identify vacancies and secure a placement.

In all of these circumstances, strict COVID-19 screening protocols must occur. If providers are unsure whether a circumstance meets the criteria to proceed, they should contact the Division's Provider Performance and Monitoring Unit (PPMU) for direction by emailing DDD.PPMU@dhs.nj.gov. Regardless of the circumstance, all moves into and out of a provider-managed setting must be reported to PPMU for tracking purposes.